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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT

DDS Records in FDR Library

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Mr. Raymond J. Teichman, Archivist at the FDR Presidential Library (914 - 229 - 8114) phoned to ask if ten Archive document containers with correspondence from OSS General Bill Donovan could be declassified in bulk and opened for research.

There was a researcher, Richard W. Steele, a teacher from San Diego State College in California with SECRET clearances from State, Army, and Navy now doing a book on "The Political Aspects of Grand Strategy-Making in World War II as to the origin and implementation of the doctrine of Unconditional Surrender". He wants to see the Gen. Donovan reports and papers because they concern morale in Germany.

This information was discussed with [REDACTED] in SSU who discussed the request with [REDACTED] the Director of SSU. They replied that the researcher should write directly to SSU. The material could not be given a bulk release and would be made available only after a document by document review before release.

[REDACTED] explained that the policy at this time is that no OSS material is being released until they make a document by document review in keeping with the President's Declassification Plans. He said the Director had made this determination.

They asked me to provide the FDR Archivist the SSU address and invite the researcher to write and state his requirements and the material he was interested in. They would then review the material that has not yet been released. Additional material may be released but not as a bulk release only after a document by document review.

The address provided is: Office of the Director
Strategic Services Unit

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